



SECRET #1: Find a way to practice forgiveness

SECRET #2: Find a way to turn my _____.

A board was nailed to the cross above him with these words: "This is the King of the Jews." ³⁹One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed, "So you're the Messiah, are you? Prove it by saving yourself—and us, too, while you're at it!" ⁴⁰But the other criminal protested, "Don't you fear God even when you are dying?" ⁴¹We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong." ⁴²Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³And Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise." **Luke 23:38-43** (NLT)

➤ A COUPLE OF "BAD DAY" DETAILS TO REMEMBER.

1. Bad days happen whether I have been _____.

We deserve to die for our evil deeds, but this man hasn't done anything wrong. **Luke 23:41** (NLT)

Here on earth you will have many trials and sorrows. **John 16:33** (NLT)

2. Good can come out of bad days if I _____.

One of the criminals hanging beside him scoffed...the other criminal protested... Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your Kingdom." ⁴³ Jesus replied, "I assure you, today you will be with me in paradise **Luke 23:39-43** (NLT)

➤ A LOOK AT JESUS ACTIONS ON HIS "BAD DAY."

Note: Jesus calls us to admire and _____ Him.

This is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and gave you an example to follow. So you should do as he did. **1 Peter 2:21** (NCV)

- **HE DID NOT Retaliate or Threaten.**

People insulted Christ, but he did not insult them in return. Christ suffered, but he did not threaten. **1 Peter 2:22, 23** (NCV)

- **HE DID...**

- ...ask his Father to forgive his attackers.
- ...promise a common criminal salvation.
- ...provide life-long assistance to his mother.
- ...sacrifice himself so you and I could live.
- ...turn his suffering into service.

You should think in the same way Christ Jesus does. ⁶ In his very nature he was God. But he did not think that being equal with God was something he should hold on to. ⁷ Instead, he made himself nothing. He took on the very nature of a servant. He was made in human form. **Philippians 2:5-7** (NIV)

➤ FOLLOWING THE EXAMPLE OF ONE WHO FOLLOWED WELL.

1. I _____ my Hurt.

We want to remind you, brothers and sisters, of the trouble we had in the province of Asia. We felt that the death sentence had been passed on us.

2 Corinthians 1:8 (TEV)

2. I _____.

But this happened so that we should rely, not on ourselves, but only on God... and we have placed our hope in him... **2 Corinthians 1:9** (TEV)

3. I _____.

He helps us in all our troubles, so that we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles... **2 Corinthians 1:4a** (TEV)

- **My new focus is on what _____ has done for me... and what I can now do for _____.**

We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting Him, He endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now He is seated in the place of honor beside God's throne. **Hebrews 12:2** (NLT)

4. I _____ of my Hope.

Let us give thanks to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the merciful Father, the God from whom all help comes! ...we are able to help others who have all kinds of troubles, using the same help that we ourselves have received from God. **2 Corinthians 1:1, 4b, 5** (TEV)

God wants these great riches of the hidden truth to be made known to the people who are not Jews. The secret is this: Christ in you brings hope of all the great things to come. **Colossians 1:21** (NLT)

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